



GLOBAL THEMATIC INITIATIVE

Team Europe Democracy (TED)

Global Context

Challenges:

The world is becoming less democratic

68% of the global population live in undemocratic regimes, up from 48% ten years before

The level of democracy enjoyed by the average global citizen in 2020 is down to levels last found 30 years ago

Electoral integrity is increasingly being questioned, even in established democracies

The COVID-19 pandemic emboldened authoritarian leadership, with 2/3 of all countries imposing restrictions on the media

Opportunities:

THE EU and its MS are the biggest providers of democracy aid

The fight against COVID-19 pandemic has led to calls to build back better together

There is a new momentum for democracy support and multilateralism. The US Summit for Democracy and the G7 discussions reaffirmed the idea and commitments to an international order based on democratic values

TED Objectives

Around the world:

Team Europe Democracy counters democratic backsliding

Reaffirms the EU's global leadership in democracy support

Develops and promotes a positive narrative on democracy, based on the most up to date research

Facilitates policy dialogue between EU, MS and other like-minded partners on democracy at global level

Helps EU and MS to develop joint operational approaches based on best practices

At country level:

TED counters democratic backsliding

Helps EU and MS to swiftly exploit windows of opportunity for democratic progress

Boosts visibility and impact of EU and MS actions to support democracy

Helps EU and MS to counter anti-democratic narratives and promote dividends of democracy

Strengthens and informs EU and MS policy dialogues on democracy with partner countries

Allows EU and MS to communicate more quickly and effectively on democracy support

TED Governance structure

A **Steering Committee** to provide policy steer and management, chaired by the European Commission's DG INTPA and including EEAS, NEAR, contributing EU MS, CSOs representatives and other key partners

The **TED Coordinator (DG INTPA)** facilitates the financial resources for the operational structure of TED and oversees the work of the Secretariat

The **Secretariat** sets up and supports the TED network. It coordinates activities, steers research and runs an **Expert Facility** to support EU and MS democracy actions, at country level in the area of democratic governance

TED Networks:

A TED Network, provides a mechanism to coordinate action, facilitate exchange and promote peer learning on democracy issues, priorities, and partnership opportunities

The TED Network includes EU MS, CSOs, international organizations and other partners

Cross-cutting Thematic focus

Accountability and Rule of Law

Political and Civic Participation

Media and Digital

Transformational potential

By increasing the impact of some of the biggest supporters of democracy, TED has the potential to slow down democratic backsliding and leverage windows of opportunity for democratic progress

**This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress*

